Popularising the Naturopathy

1952. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to popularize naturopathy and yoga in the country's urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to open nature care centres in community centres through out the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government's plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government has already initiated a number of steps to proplarize Yoga and Naturopathy in the country which include establishment of the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) in New Delhi and the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) in Pune. The CCRYN and the NIN operate schemes that provide for financial assistance to Yoga and Naturopathy institutions/ centres in urban as well as rural areas. Besides, the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Scheme being implemented by the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopath, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) provides for awareness generation about various systems including Yoga & Naturopathy.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Dental Clinics and AIDS

1953. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dental clinics are causing the transmission of HIV and some dental clinics do not adhere to strict hygienic practices, which is causing for transmission of HIV;

(b) whether Government have formulated any stringent rule to maintain